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LETTER DATED 23 OCTOBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period from 1 to 10 October 1995.

1 October 1995

1. Southern region: 101 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Basra, Shanafiyah and Amarah.

2. At 0830 hours on 1 October 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1105 hours.

2 October 1995

1. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Chabaish.

3 October 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah, Busayyah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

4 October 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi, Shanafiyah and Rumaythah.

3. On 4 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0923 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1216 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1250 hours.

5 October 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Irbil, Amadiyah, Shaqlawah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 5 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0935 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1130 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1250 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1330 hours.

4. At 1045 hours on 5 October 1995, a hostile aircraft dropped 10 heat flares near Qasbat Talkif in Ninawa Governorate.

6 October 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 0907 hours on 6 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1025 hours.

7 October 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Aqrah and Mosul.

2. Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah and Maymunah.

3. On 7 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0908 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1355 hours.

8 October 1995

1. Southern region: 96 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah and Artawi.

2. On 8 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0810 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1135 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1130 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

3. At 1450 hours on 8 October 1995, a hostile formation of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over the town of Nasiriyah.

9 October 1995

1. Southern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

2. On 9 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0950 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1111 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1245 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

10 October 1995

1. Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Aqrah and north Irbil.

2. Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Salman, Shanafiyah, Ushbayjah, Qurnah and Khidr.

3. On 10 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0928 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1122 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1225 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1425 hours.

4. At 1236 hours on 10 October 1995, a hostile formation dropped 10 heat flares 25 kilometres south of the region of Dohuk and three kilometres south of the Saddam Dam lake in Ninawa Governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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